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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Thomas A. SILVESTRINI

Application Serial No. 08/596,221

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For: **SEGMENTED PLIABLE
INTRASTROMAL CORNEAL
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Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Willse, D.

Attorney's Docket No: 251692002120

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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**Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated August 8, 2000 be extended three months from November 8, 2000 to February 8, 2001 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment. Applicant concurrently is filing a Continued Prosecution Application.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)) is believed to be \$445.00 for a three month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1295 referencing docket number 251692002120. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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